



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 13

Meeting Date: Friday, November 12, 2010
Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS
1783 W. 3rd Street
Bloomington, IN 47404
Training Room

Council Members Present:

Chairperson and Regional Manager Nicole Henderson; Director Steve Vaughn, Monroe County; Director Debbie Dailey, Brown County; Director Sonya Seymour, Owen County; Cami Terry, Supervisor Lawrence County; Kelli Deckard FCM, Monroe County; Jim Johnson, Monroe County Foster Parent

Council Members Absent:

Judge Stephen Galvin, Monroe County Circuit Court; Judge Judy Stewart, Brown County Circuit Court; Judge Eric Allen, Greene County Circuit Court; Heather Hughes, FCM Lawrence County; Chris Gaal, Monroe County Prosecutor; Jackie Haddix, Supervisor Greene County; Samantha Flath, Greene County CASA; Angie Baugh, Foster Owen County Foster Parent

Welcome / Introductions:

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Nicole Henderson. Self introductions by all in attendance were made and concluded.

The minutes of the October 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed by the council. There were two corrections. Page 2 of the minutes under the heading of Regional Service Needs first paragraph, the third sentence began with "in lieu of Heather's resignation" was changed to "in light of Heather's resignation". Under the heading of Sex Offender and Victims of Sex Abuse Treatment Proposals, this was later clarified that the council did in fact vote unanimously to accept the proposal for services with IN Mentor; however, a previous motion had been made to reject their proposal, but that motion was declined. There were no further corrections, additions, or changes. A motion was then made and seconded to accept the minutes as read and corrected. The council voted unanimously in favor by signifying aye, and the motion was carried.

Community Partners – Ireland Home Based Services:

The projected budget for 07/01/2010 to 06/30/2011 is \$496,088.00. This includes the allocation of \$125,000 additional funds that the Regional Services Council voted and agreed to on October 8th, 2010.

There was a difference of \$13,699.89 between what was allocated and what was approved for January through June 2011. A motion was made to use approximately \$9000 of this difference for other services, but leaving a balance of \$4000 + to serve as a cushion to be used later as needed. The council voted to approve the motion by signifying aye. The motion was carried.

The following providers and their programs were approved for the new allocation period:

Brown County Jr. High – Fun, Food, & Friends/After School Program
Greene County Home Healthcare Agency – Caring Hearts
Lifeline Youth and Family Services – CRT (Center for Responsible Thinking)
Eastern Greene High School – Communities CAN-Project Success
MSD of Shakamak-Changing Helping Encouraging Students Together (CHEST)
Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County – “Hands Up”
Aging & Community Services of South Central Indiana, Inc. – Foster Grandparent Program for Brown County
Bloomfield School District-Truancy Termination
Brown County Big Brothers Big Sisters-Maintenance for ten Big Brothers Big Sisters
Community Matches
Columbus Regional Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. Family Violence Prevention and Intervention Services
Family Life Center of Greene County-Family Assistance Project
Eastern Greene Schools-Teen Truth Live: Drugs & Alcohol
Eastern Greene Middle School-Attendance Incentive Program
Eastern Greene Elementary & Middle School-Family Emergence Assistance
Eastern Greene Schools-Body Safety Program
Linton-Stockton School Corporation-Preventing Relational Violence among Youth
Linton-Stockton School Corporation-Preventing Youth Problems
Linton-Stockton School Corporation-Family Strengthening Program
Big Brother/Big Sisters of Monroe County-Family Connections and Prevention Activities
White River Valley School Corp.-Greene Education Services healthy Lifestyle Choices

As of November 4, 2010 Ireland Home Base Services reports a total of 100 referrals were received since September. Region 13 received a total of 51 referrals during the month of September and 41 during the month of October. Of these referrals, 3 cases came from Brown County, 19 from Greene County, 23 from Lawrence County, 39 from Monroe, and 6 from Owen County.

At the request of Chairperson Nicole Henderson, a representative from Ireland explained the procedure & requirements for making a referral. Callers are asked to contact Ireland Home Base Services at 812-330-2780. Callers will be asked to provide name and contact number for the family in need of services which is then given to a caseworker for assessment. It is required that a child must be in the home or soon to be in the home, and the family must be willing to accept the services. No substantiated cases CHINS, or IA cases, nor services through Healthy Families, will be accepted.

Regional Finances - Steve Adams

The budget report provided by Regional Finance Manager, Steve Adams shows 33% of the budget has been used as of October 2010. Steve explained that the region is a little above target at 33% of the budget and without reserve included will require careful monitoring. In addition, Probation will meet monthly to discuss best solutions for services while staying within budget.

Balances remaining for the region are \$6,456,484.00 from the Family and Children Fund, \$4,534,964.00 from Child Welfare, \$1,921,520.00 for Probation, total miscellaneous revenue \$1,159,150.00 totaling a net cost of \$5,297,335.00.

Regional Service Needs:

At this time there were no Regional Service Needs for discussion.

Announcements:

Chairperson, Nicole Henderson announced that service providers will be able to obtain information regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) by November 15, 2010. A committee will be selected to answer written questions from providers. The deadline to submit written questions will be December 9, 2010, with answers completed by December 15. Submission of proposals will be due to Central Office by January 7, 2011.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be announced.

